(f) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases the courts have upheld the prices fixed by his Ministry;

(g) if so, whether those prices have been implemented by drug companies; and

(h) if not, what are the reasons for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) The required information is given in the attached statement [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 23].

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) and (h) Necessary steps, as per due process of Law, have been taken to ensure compliance.

Import of Rifampicin

136. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity for which Drug companies applied for registration for the import of Rifampicin during 1986 and 1987 upto 30th April;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of Rifampicin is allowed under OGL;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is not allowing the import of Rifampicin even against export orders for Rifampicin formulation;

(d) if so, whether any such request has been turned down by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, what are the details regarding the provisions of the Import policy under which the requests were turned down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent details are available in this office regarding the quantities of Rifampicin for which companies sought registration during 1986 and 1987 are as follows:

1986 (1-1-86 to 31-12-86)— 47,815 kgs.

1987 (1-1-87 to 30-4-87)— 850 kgs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Discontinuing certain provision of DPCO

137. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discontinue paragraphs 4, 7 and 17 of the Drugs Prices Control, Order, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that paragraph 4 of DPCO, 1979 safeguards the interests of drug producers who make heavy investment at different times;

(c) what was the purpose under which each of these paragraphs was incorporated in the Drug Price Control Order, 1979;

(d) what are the details of provisions proposed in the new measures to replace each of these paragraphs mentioned in DPCO, 1979; and

(e) what are the detailed reasons to discontinue these paragraphs and the basis of proposed provisions to replace them?

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